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SUBJECT: PRESS COMMENT ON U.S. AFRICA POLICY

1. SECOND ISSUE NEW QUARTELY, "COURRIER DIPLOMATIQUE DE L'OCEAN INDIEN", CARRIED TWO AND ONE/HALF PAGE ARTICLE ENTITLED "THE NEW AMERICAN POLICY IN AFRICA". JOURNAL PUBLISHED IN TANANARIVE AND AUTHOR R.W. RABEMANANJARA, IS RESIDENT IN PARIS.

2. STORY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT NEW U.S. POLICY. BEGINS BY SAYING THAT FROM FDR. U.S. HAS ALWAYS HAD AFRICA POLICY. SAID IT ALWAYS ON SIDE OF LIBERATION AND SOVEREIGNTY IN AFRICA. CLAIMED THAT ALTHOUGH COLONIALIST NATIONS POINTED TO COMMUNISM AS FORCE BEHIND EARLY LIBERATION MOVEMENTS,"... IN REALITY (COLONIALISM'S) PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE WAS THE AMERICA OF WASHINGTON, OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND OF FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT."

3. BECAUSE OF ITS RELATIONS WITH FRANCE AND ENGLAND AND ITS INVOLVEMENT IN VIET-NAM, U.S. UNABLE TO CONCENTRATE ON AFRICA. HOWEVER, THE U.S. BEGAN OPENING UP AFTER NIXON'S TURN TO DETENTE, AND IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH EGYPT SIGNALLED RENEWED U.S. INTEREST IN AFRICA. BRIEFLY ... OUTLINING KISSINGER AFRIC TRIP, AUTHOR CALLED NEW POLICY "THIS MONROE DOCTRINE APPLIED TO AFRICA". SUPPORTED DESCRIPTION BY NOTING KISSINGER AND FORD STANCE AGAINST BIG POWER HEGEMONY IN AFRICA, NON-UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERVENTION. SAID LONG-TERM POLICY OF U.S. WILL

CONSIST OF BILATERAL INVESTMENT AND TRADE RELATIONS AND MULTILATERAL AID, SUCH AS WITH SAHEL. WILL NEW U.S. POLICY RESPOND TO AFRICA'S NEEDS? ARTICLE ASKED. AUTHOR BELIEVES U.S. POLICY WILL INSPIRE CONFIDENCE. SAID ALTHOUGH WESTERN EUROPE READY TO HELP AFRICA, ITS FINANCIAL MEANS ARE INSUFFICIENT. AMERICAN CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE IMPORTANT COMPLEMENT TO ALL FORMS OF AID TO AFRICA.

4. LAW OF SEA COVERAGE CONSISTED OF JUXTAPOSITION OF SOVIET AND AMERICAN VIEWPOINTS IN TWO COLUMNS SAME PAGE. U.S. POSITION REPRESENTED BY TEXT OF KISSINGER'S APRIL 8 NEW YORK SPEECH. SOVIET SIDE REPRESENTED BY ARTICLE BY S. PAVLOV, ATTRIBUTED TO PRAVDA AND NOVOSTI. MCCOO, ACTING

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